Appomattox At About The Turn Of The Century

Appomattox as it existed in 1900-1911 is portrayed on the following map by H. C. Blackwell. Only the heads of households are listed because of space limitations. Appreciation is expressed to the following persons for supplying and verifying information: Mrs. A. T. Inge, Mrs. C. W. Smith, Mrs. L. H.Wooldridge, Mrs. L. H. Godsey, John C. Caldwell, J.A. Burke, E. W. Blackwell, Hobart Watson, Julian Hamlet, and others.

1. Appomattox Courthouse, George J. Hundley, Judge; S. L. Ferguson, Commonwealth Attorney; Frank W. McKinney, Sheriff (H) Frankie McKinney; H. Winston McKinney, Deputy Sheriff; H. D. Flood, Lawyer; Courtney Franklin, Lawyer; Jack Lee, Lawyer; J. P. L. Fleshman, Lawyer.

2. Clerk's Office – George T. Peers, clerk until 1905; J. Rolfe Horsley, clerk; C. W. Smith, deputy.

3. Jail, Rod Childress, Jailer; W. J. (Bill) Paris, Jailer; W. T. (Bill) Davidson, Jailer.

4. School – Taught by Miss Alice Hubbard; Residence-Cliff Haga, carpenter.

5. C. W. (Charlie Hunter, traveling shoe salesman; A. H. Clement; Knickerbocker Hotel, M. L. (Dooley) Earman, electrician, lived here when he first arrived in Appomattox and went to work with Appomattox Telephone Company.

6. Forbs Hotel– A. H. (Buck) Clement, lawyer, printer, real estate agent, operated printing press here. Herbert C. Pulliam stayed here and went to school. L. F. Ferguson also stayed here. (See 43) S. L. (Sam) Ferguson, lawyer Sunday School superintendent, extensive landowner. (J) Rachel F. Lawson.

In 1911 at this site almost joining old house, Mr. Claude Haga (see 51) started a new house here, later called Courtland. By that fall, he had house frame up, part of chimneys up, main roof about on and some outside finish work done, and probably other work not mentioned. The story is that one of Mr. Ferguson's friends said to him: "Sam, Why did you start such a large house?" He said, "It is a monument to my ignorance."

At this time, for some reason, work on job was discontinued and W. R. (Bill) Burnham, leading architect of Lynchburg of this time, was employed to make finishing plans and supervise work.

At this time, E. Gilbert Blackwell (C, and Ben M. Blackwell as "Blackwell and Blackwell" was awarded contract to finish work which they did. Some workmen on job were: Bob Worley of near Concord, Lewis O'Brien of Buckingham, A. Mr. Moss from Lynchburg, Earnest Mileton of Norfolk, Robert Mitchell, Frank Blackwell as a 16 year old boy worked on job some, Wiley Richardson of Pamplin, Fleet Ranson and Cliff Watson. Roof deck by T. B. Dorning Adams Company of Lynchburg, Painting by Mr. Craig of Lynchburg. Ornamental pastering by Mr. Hughes and others. Curtis Blackwell as a boy cleaned brick that had earlier been worked in building and later used by B. F. Coleman to build columns at walk and drive. B. M. Blackwell was foreman on job. Courtland has now been torn down. Four houses marked X on map near Dogbottom were built from salvaged material from old Ferguson house and other buildings around house including Charlie Davis' house and some material that had been bought early and did not fit into final plans for Courtland.

The first house, the one near 89 was built by Cliff Haga who lived here and later built the other three houses. He had the following help on this work: John Harris, Doug Puckett, Everett W. Blackwell, Walter E. Durham.

7. Barroom operated by Rod Childress.

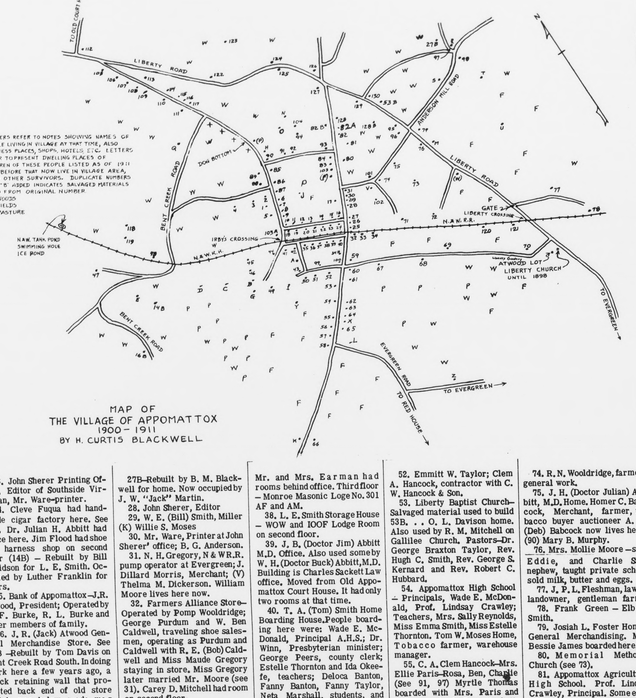
8. Barroom operated by George White.

9. Blacksmith shop operated by Gus Watson.

10. Page and Phelps Livery Stable – H. Winston McKinney Livery Stable.

11. N & W. Section House occupied by Hunter Gallier, Section Foreman; Walter Booth, telegraph operator.

12. Appomattox Hotel –Operated in this period by Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. McGill, Mrs. Pomp Wooldridge, Katie, Dennis, and Harold, A. H. Clement & wife. People living here during this period – H. W. McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt W. Taylor and Curtis, Mrs. Sally Reynolds, Charlie and Ann, Major and Mrs. J. W. Flood and Joel, Dr. D. N. Twyman and wife, Prof. L. Crawley and wife. Appomattox Telephone Company central office was here operated by Rosa Paris.



MAP OF
THE VILLAGE OF APPOMATTOX
1900 - 1911
BY H. CURTIS BLACKWELL

13. John Sherer Printing Office, Editor of Southside Virginian, Mr. Ware-printer.

14. Cleve Fuqua had handmade cigar factory here. See 14B. Dr. Julian H. Abbitt had office here. Jim Flood had shoe and harness shop on second floor (14B) – Rebuilt by Bill Davidson for L. E. Smith. Occupied by Luther Franklin for years.

15. Bank of Appomattox –J.R. Atwood, President; Operated by R. F. Burke, R. L. Burke and other members of family.

16. J. R. (Jack) Atwood General Merchandise Store. See 16B –Rebuilt by Tom Davis on Bent Creek Road South. In doing work here a few years ago, a brick retaining wall that protected back end of old store which was below grade was found. At this time, Mary Yancey Spencer made her foot print in concrete at location near old store's front door assisted by her father, H. Y. Spencer, and Curtis Mitchell.

17. J. R. Atwood Home–Mrs. Atwood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chenault was auctioneer and also worked in store. Others living here and working in store were Bob Harvey, Bill Lee, Mrs. Bessie James also worked in store. Lena Reeks boarded here and taught school at A.A.H.S.

18. Farmer Guano Store House

19. A. H. Clements Printing Office, Editor of Times-Virginian; Jim Meadows, printer; A.H. Clements printing operations moved from 6 to 25 to 19. Doctor J. H. Vanzetti, Famous Indian Remedy Show on second floor.

20. Ferguson and Smith Store –Leslie F. Ferguson and E. LeRoy Smith operating a store handling fertilizer and other materials. (W) E. L. Smith.

21. Jack Childress Barroom –Taylor & Tayler Ladieswear operated by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Taylor; Smith & Anderson Ladieswear operated by Mrs. W. E. Smith and Mrs. B. G. Anderson.

22. T. A. Smith Undertaking, Furniture and Harness Shop–Carey D. Mitchell worked here.

23. L. E. Smith General Merchandising Store –People working in store not listed as living in L. E. Smith home (Not all at one time). L. F. Ferguson, Terry Durham, Dave Plunkett, Bill Marshall, Don Moses, Mary Hancock.

24. N & W. R. R. Station, John A. Sears, agent; John Edd Sears, telegraph operator, Walter Booth, telegraph operator; Clint Steele and others– Telegraph operators; John Johns, station hand.

25. Store and Post Office –S. Pat Coleman and John Sam Plunkett, A. H. Clement Printing Office, Editor of Appomattox and Buckingham Times; General Merchandise Store, Homer G. Babcock, Weyland and Bradley Sweeney, nephews of Mr. Babcock, clerks; Probably H. M. Burge and others. Store moved back, later burned.

26. Livery Stable – H. W. McKinney, Tom Tibbs helper here.

27. John Lee Store, Vacant

27B–Rebuilt by B. M. Blackwell for home. Now occupied by J. W. "Jack" Martin.

28. John Sherer, Editor

29. W. E. (Bill) Smith, Miller (K) Willie S. Moses

30. Mr. Ware, Printer at John Sherer' office; B. G. Anderson.

31. N. H. Gregory, N & W R.R. pump operator at Evergreen; J. Dillard Morris, Merchant; (V) Thelma M. Dickerson. William Moore lives here now.

32. Farmers Alliance Store–Operated by Pomp Wooldridge; George Purdum and W. Ben Caldwell, traveling shoe salesmen, operating as Purdum and Caldwell with R. E. (Bob) Caldwell and Miss Maude Gregory staying in store, Miss Gregory later married Mr. Moore (see 31). Carey D. Mitchell had room on second floor.

33. L. E. Smith and Brother Mill –Operated by W. E. (Bill) Smith. Mr. Childress, Miller; M. F. Miff Davidson, stationery engine fireman; Lacy Burns also worked here.

34. Ten Pin Alley –Built and maintained by C. W. (Charlie) Hancock as Saturday night recreation for himself and friends. The only cost of playing here was to chip in to pay pinsetter. Some players were A. H. Clement, J. A. Sears, T. W. Moses, M. L. (Dooley) Earman, Rev. Robert C. Hubbard, and others. Curtis Blackwell was pinsetter and later joined game when some of the regulars did not show. (See 34B –Moved to new site).

35. R. F. (Dick) Burke Home –telegraph operator, N & W. R. R. Agent at Appomattox. Organizer of Bank of Appomattox, also cashier; Promoter and Organizer of Appomattox Telephone Company and Appomattox Tobacco Warehouse. Some people living here in this period: H. D. (Hal) Flood, Congressman; J. Rolfe Horsely, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Ferguson and Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Oden and Vernie. Mr. Oden was secretary to Congressman H. D. Flood. (I) Jerry A. Burke. Mr. Jerry Sears, brother of Mrs. Burke, from Colorada visited here.

Charles Hicks, President of Seaboard Air Line R. R. parked private car on side track in front of Burke home and with wife and daughter, Madaline, visited in Burke home on several occasions.

36. John D. Coleman Drug Store –John had rooms back of store. E. Gilbert Blackwell, carpenter, contractor lived on second floor. (C) Edd O. Blackwell. Swing on porch made from leftover material from Courtland by Curtis Blackwell five years later. (R)H. Curtis Blackwell.

37. Appomattox Telephone Building owned by R. F. Burke –First floor –Appomattox Hardware Store operated by A. R. Harwood Sr. and Walter M. Hancock. Later operated by Alison Inge and J. Dillard Morris as Inge and Morris.

Second Floor – Appomattox Telephone Company Central Office. Mrs. Earman and others were switchboard operators. Mr. and Mrs. Earman had rooms behind office. Thirdfloor – Monroe Masonic Loge No. 301 AF and AM.

38. L. E. Smith Storage House – WOW and IOOF Lodge Room on second floor.

39. J. B. (Doctor Jim) Abbitt M.D. Office. Also used some by W. H. (Doctor Buck) Abbitt, M.D. Building is Charles Sackett Law office. Moved from Old Appomattox Court House. It had only two rooms at that time.

40. T. A. (Tom) Smith Home Boarding House. People boarding here were: Wade E. McDonald, Principal A.H.S.; Dr. Winn, Presbyterian minister; George Peers, county clerk; Estelle Thornton and Ida Okeefe, teachers; Deloca Banton, Fanny Banton, Fanny Taylor, Neta Marshall, students, and others. Gene and Ned Grady, stepsons of Hunter Smith, spent summer vacations here. (G) Miss Lucy and Emma Smithalso Lucy Caldwell. Lucy C. Pack now lives next door, west.

41. Robert (Bob) Irby Storage House – R. T. Rantucker Fleshman Ice Cream Parlor, Cabell Moore tin shop.

42. Dock Coleman Store and Home –Father in law of Mr. Irby; Robert (Bob) Irby Home Store and Post Office. Mr. Coleman stayed in store, Miss Lula Irby worked in post office. She lives here now. (A) Mary L. Sears. Mail Carriers: Pitzer Gills, John Wright, F. L. (Fitz) Martin, Edd Coleman and Luther Morris.

43. J. B. (Doctor Jim) Abbitt Home, Garage built here using siding left over from Courtland.

44. Gate, Hunters Pasture

45. Baseball Diamon – E. W. Taylor managed team, others later. John B. Boatright managed Buckingham team. Some of the fans called them "Buckamites"

46. Showgrounds –Colonel J. C. O'Brien's famous Georgia Minstrel doing the cake walk in front of 14-15-16 to draw crowd for later show. Also Williams Stock Co. later taken over by Dick Lewis and others. Some of these shows would return year after year.

47. W. A. (Bill) Moses, county surveyor (E) Mary M. Inge

48. L. Hubie Godsey, carpenter (N) G. C. (Pat) Godsey, (O) Phyllis G. Thompson (U) Avis G. Gilbert (T) Mrs. L. H. Godsey and daughter, Delphia.

49. Len Franklin, special officer at times also worked with M. L. (Dooley) Earman some on telephone lines. Plurie Gunter, Assistant N & W section foreman.

50. R. L. (Little Dick) Burke, telegraph operator, train dispatcher at Crewe, banker, Mrs. Burke lives here now. (Q) Richard L. Burke, Jr. (Y) William W. Burke

51. George Peers, county clerk, E. W. Taylor, Bookkeeper, merchant, Claude Haga, Builder and artist. Had son born in village probably at 88. B.G. Anderson, county agent. (B) Willie Guthrie A. McDearman. Lucille Guthrie from Texas lived with her aunt, Mrs. Anderson, and went to school.

52. Emmitt W. Taylor; Clem A. Hancock, contractor with C. W. Hancock & Son.

53. Liberty Baptist Church–Salvaged material used to build 53B. . . O. L. Davison home. Also used by R. M. Mitchell on Gallilee Church. Pastors–Dr. George Braxton Taylor, Rev. Hugh C. Smith, Rev. George S. Kernard and Rev. Robert C. Hubbard.

54. Appomattox High School – Principals, Wade E. McDonald, Prof. Lindsay Crawley; Teachers, Mrs. Sally Reynolds, Miss Emma Smith, Miss Estelle Thornton. Tom W. Moses Home, Tobacco farmer, warehouse

74. R. N. Wooldridge, farmer, general work.

75. J. H. (Doctor Julian) Abbitt, M.D. Home. Homer C. Babcock, Merchant, farmer, tobacco buyer auctioneer A. A. (Deb) Babcock now lives here. (90) Mary B. Murphy.

76. Mrs. Mollie Moore –son, Eddie, and Charlie Sale, nephew, taught private school, sold milk, butter and eggs.

77. J. P. L. Fleshman, lawyer landowner, gentleman farmer

78. Frank Green – Elbert Smith.

79. Josiah L. Foster Home – General Merchandising. Mrs. Bessie James boarded here.

80. Memorial Methodist Church (see 73).

81. Appomattox Agricultural High School. Prof. Lindsay Crawley, Principal. Some early teachers: Lena Reeks, Ida Okeefe, Pocahontas Wray, Estelle Thornton, Alice Hubbard and others. Bob Craig was janitor. He was a real diplomat nobody ever found fault with Bob.

82. Lennie T. Seay, painter, carpenter, paper hanger, House sold to county by E. G. Blackwell, It was used for years for Boys Dormitory and called Blackwell House. Moved and rebuilt at 82 B for S. L. Ferguson by B. M. Blackwell and A. F. Godsey. R. B. Hudgins lived here for years.

82A. Doug Puckett

83. Cleveland (Clave) Fuqua, salesman, manufacturer. Dr. Winn, Presbyterian minister

and Mrs. Charlie Bagby.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall called in the homes of Mrs. M. L. Covington and Mrs. W. T. Covington Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson visited Miss Nannie Webb and Mrs. Ray Baldwin Saturday morning.

Friends were glad to see Mr. A. G. Hancock at church Sunday after his recent illness.

Visitors last week of Mrs. Charlie Bagby were Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Woodall and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodall, Mr. James Maxwell, Mr. Glenn Woodall, Susan Woodall, Mrs. Mae Slough, Miss Darlene Slough, Mrs. Lewis Tweedy, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall, Scott Woodall, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Miss Julia Wingfield.

Rev. W. H. Elder brought us a wonderful Christmas message Sunday night at Hollywood.

Robbie and Tom Robinson are spending the Christmas Holidays with their grandmother, Mrs. T. C. Harvey.

Mrs Virginia Babcock, Mrs. Nettie Martin and Mrs. Millard Stimpson were visitors Saturday of Mrs. T. C. Harvey.

Mrs. W. T. Covington and Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith spent Sunday with Mrs. Waverly Gillman at Medical Center in Farmville.

Mr. & Mrs. 'Santa' At Party

and Mrs. Santa" were there –as well as a bright tinsel and other boys and ...ldings' outfits for the annual program ...ored c. Cole's Kindergarten. Party ... Thursday night at Appomattox Pri... school, with red punch, decorated ... and other treats for all the pupils ...ldren following the presentation.

Taking part were Phillip Agee, John Booker, Rick Caldwell, Joanie Canada, David Coffey, Cheryl Cheatham, Patricia Chandler, Chad Deavers, Kim Drinkard, Jeff Elder, John Gaskill, Anita Harvey, Lisa Lea, Gregg Mayberry, Kim Maxwell, Kim McGrath, Nancy Morris, Shelia Shorter, Blair Smith, Jay Stewart, Jay Whitehead.

HOLLYWOOD

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...joyed the wonder... program pre... Hollywood Church ...ht by the young ...ounds. ...ard Franklin, Mrs. ...y and Mrs. Jack ...ere the program ...r, and Mrs. David ...lt, and Mrs. Dick ...s for Christmas ...time. This was very ...joyed by all.

...n, Jimmie Harvey ...y visited Mrs. T. ...nday, Mrs. Harvey ...ter night with her ...ter daughter, Mr. ...ph Robinson and ...ston Heights.

...Mrs. L. L. Webb, ...Webb and Miss ...visited Mr. and ...Hancock and family ...

...Jenkins is on the ...visit him a speedy ...

...Johnson and two ...and Mr. and Mrs. ...and family ...Dinner guests ...home Sunday ...and Mrs. Bill Watson

Bank Adopts Fashion Program

Lynchburg – A new wrinkle in banking! No – wrinkle unfashion apparel for women employees of Fidelity National Bank's Lynchburg and regional branches will make its debut in early February when the chic new career apparel designed especially for Fidelity arrives from the manufacturers.

A Louisiana banker commented, "The public response to our career suit is tremendous. Customers comment that they know at a glance who is available to serve them. We feel that they are very flattering to the girls."

The costumes selected by Fidelity are not in the tradition of uniforms, but rather in the flexible high style desired by today's fashion conscious women. The costumes consist of two short sleeve A-line dresses with coordinated tunic vests which can be worn interchangeably plus a matching double breasted jacket, blouse and skirt. Other pieces can be added periodically.

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GOOD NEWS
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S.C.A. Meets

The S. C. A. of Appomattox Intermediate Schoold held its second meeting December 15. The president called the meeting to order. A list was made of suggestions for lunches for the school. The door contest was discussed. All doors must be decorated by Dec. 18. Decorations must be down by Dec. 22 at 3 p.m. The school name will be voted on Dec. 17. Names suggested were Travelers, Chargers and Patriots. The meeting was adjourned.

Cathy Paulette, Reporter

Dress Code Changes At A.I.S.

The S. C. A. of Appomattox Intermediate School held its first official meeting December 1, 1970. The president, Warren Coleman, called the meeting to order. Representatives were assigned rooms to which they would report the happenings of each S. C. A. meeting. Slacks were added to the dress code for girls. The treasury had $31.57. A Christmas dance will be held December 22, 1970. The meeting was adjourned.

Cathy Paulette, Reporter

Christmas Greetings

To the happy tempo of jingling bells,
we sing out a cheery "Merry Christmas" to all.
Best wishes for a season filled with good health and good fortune. Warm thanks for your loyalty.

Inge's Dept. Store
MAIN STREET APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA

Christmas Cookies of Many Lands

Carrying out their theme – "Our World - A Growing Heritage", members of the Jr. Chapter of Future Homemakers of America baked cookies from different lands. From left to right: Carolyn Morris holding Russian Tea Cakes, French Lace Cookies, and Parisian Orange Cookies, Stephanie Martin holding Chinese Fortune Cookies, Carla Varner holding Snickerdoodles, Marie McCoy holding Norwegian Crowns and Janice Bryant holding good old American Chocolate Chips and Brownies.

4-H'ers Make Gifts

Pictured here are some of Mrs. White's 4-H'ers who have been making hot mats from scrap felt and drink bottle tops. These make very nice 4-H Christmas projects and also make excellent gifts for Christmas.

Mrs. White has done a fine job with her 4-H'ers and should be commended for her help on these projects.

"We sincerely hope that the excellent interest and outstanding work will continue throughout these youngsters careers as Appomattox 4-H'ers," says Mr. Jesse R. Ford, Extension Agent.

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Betty Jean Moore
Mrs. V. L. Hudson
Rosa Mae Wooldridge
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IT'S CHRISTMAS
It's the happy time! We send our wishes for a merry season of gatherings with families and friends. And it's the time to say thanks for letting us serve you. The pleasure has been ours. We look forward to more Christmases with you.
H. W. Conner, Postmaster
John T. Hall
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